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Dear District 7 Residents,

Great news! Recently, I was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority. The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is an independent special district responsible for bus, light rail and paratransit operations; congestion management; specific highway improvement projects; and, countywide transportation planning. I am honored to serve on this committee and I look forward to working collaboratively with my colleagues and the rest of the VTA board in finding practical solutions for a better system of transportation, bring BART to San Jose, make improvements to our streets and highways, provide more walking and bicycling routes and implement ways to better maintain and operate systems already in place.

Thank you to ALL our volunteers from District 7 Neighborhood Associations and SNI, Yerba Buena High School and Andrew Hill High School students, Ms. Haggerty and Mr. Foehr and city staff for helping us distribute neighborhood clean-up flyers to more than 2500 homes in District 7. Because of you, trash bins on Clean-Up Day were filled to the top. Your assistance in keeping our neighborhoods safe and clean is much appreciated!

In regards to being involved with your community, I would like to invite you to our next District 7 Town Hall meeting on Thursday, March 16, 2006 at the Tully Community Library from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Back in November, District 7 held its very first Town Hall Meeting. It was a success! I met many constituents; saw how residents were active in their community, and addressed questions and concerns with the help of city staff. But more importantly, the Town Hall Meeting helped me be aware of the concerns and issues in your neighborhood which helps me make better policy decisions for our district and our city.

**Please join me on Thursday, March 16, 2006 for the next
District 7 Town Hall Meeting. Your concerns and issues are important!**

**6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Tully Community Library
880 Tully Road, San José, CA 95111**

As always, feel free to contact my office if you need assistance. I look forward to seeing you at the Town Hall meeting.

Sincerely,

Madison P. Nguyen

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: **HELP KEEP SAN JOSE BEAUTIFUL**

The Office of San José Beautiful is recruiting residents 18 or older to serve on its Steering Committee. As a member of the committee, you will gain experience and skills to enhance your community. San José Beautiful Steering Committee is a citywide beautification and environmental education program, affiliate of Keep America Beautiful.

For more details about the **Steering Committee**, please visit:

http://www.sjbeautiful.org/volunteer_ops.html or contact the office of San José Beautiful at (408) 723- 1574.

For information on **more volunteer opportunities** within the City of San Jose, visit the volunteer website: www.volunteersanjose.org

San José Beautiful Beautification Grant

Do you have an idea to beautify your neighborhood?

Do you know of an area that would be perfect for a garden?

If so, San José Beautiful would like to hear from you!

Visit them at www.sjbeautiful.org or call 408- 723- 1574.

San José Beautiful provides \$100- \$2000 in matching grant support to nonprofits, neighborhood associations, schools and other community organizations that wish to help foster community pride in San José through beautification or landscaping. **Applications for grants are due on February 24, 2006 by 5:00 p.m.**

Community Foundation of Silicon Valley Neighborhood Grants

The Community Foundation of Silicon Valley Neighborhood Grants is a program that provides annual grants of \$500 to \$5,000 and technical assistance to help resident- based groups conduct activities that improve neighborhood conditions or address issues important to their quality of life.

The grant deadline is March 31, 2006

For more information, visit http://www.cfsv.org/grants_neighborhood.html

PUBLIC SAFETY: Megan's Law

In an effort to promote public safety, the San José Police Department's Megan's Law Unit would like to encourage members of the community to visit Megan's website: <http://meganslaw.ca.gov>

The site was created to help residents learn about Megan's law, how to protect oneself and one's family, and how to search for sex offenders in neighborhoods.

THE HISTORY OF MEGAN'S LAW:

Megan's Law is named after seven-year-old Megan Kanka, a young girl from New Jersey, who was raped and killed by a child molester who lived across the street from the family without their knowledge. In the wake of the tragedy, the Kanka's sought to have local communities warned about sex offenders in the area. Today, all states have a form of Megan's Law.

The law is not intended to punish the offender and specifically prohibits using the information to harass or commit any crime against an offender.

"There is no such thing as a "self- made" man. We are made up of thousands of others. Everyone who has ever done a kind deed for us, or spoken one word of encouragement to us, has entered into the make - up of our character and of our thoughts, as well as our success."

-Adams, George Matthew,
Philosopher

Upcoming Events and Meetings

• City Council Meetings

The council meets every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. & every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Council Chambers, San Jose City Hall

• District 7 Town Hall Meeting

Hosted by Councilmember Madison P. Nguyen

on **Thursday, March 16, 2006**, from 6:30pm – 8:30pm

at the Tully Community Library, 880 Tully Road, San Jose, CA 95111

District 7 Neighborhood Association Meetings

Dates and locations are subject to change.

Please contact associations to confirm meeting details.

Tully-Senter SNI NAC

Santee Community Action Center (408) 277- 2980

1st Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm

Lanai Neighborhood Association

Resources For Families and Communities (408) 277- 2982

2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm

Washington Area Community Coalition SNI NAC (408) 277- 5202

Alma Senior Center

2nd Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm

KONA SNI NAC Meeting (408) 277- 2982

Boys & Girls Club

3rd Monday of every month at 6:30 pm

Alma Neighborhood Associations (408) 277- 2982

Alma Senior Center

3rd Monday of every month at 7:00 pm

West Evergreen Neighborhood Association (408) 277- 2982

O.B. Whaley School

3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm

Kennedy Neighborhood Association (408) 277- 2980

Kennedy Elementary School

3rd Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm

West Evergreen Neighborhood Action Committee SNI NAC (408) 224- 0415

O.B. Whaley School

4th Monday of every month at 6:30 pm

Future Topics

We hope you found District 7's newsletter helpful. We welcome any feedback you may have on the topics discussed. Please feel free to contact our office at your convenience.

If you would like to share announcements or post events from your neighborhood, please contact Kim Ngo at (408) 535- 4959 or email kim.ngo@sanjoseca.gov

Once again, our office is ALWAYS open to you and we look forward to serving you.

District 7 Internship Program

We accept internship applications on a quarterly basis. If you are interested, please submit your resume early.

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City Wide Phone List
Area code 408

Call Center	277-4000
Non – Emergency	311
Graffiti/Litter	277-2758
Animal Care	578-7297
Child Abuse Reporting	299-2071
City Arborist	277-2762
Code Enforcement	277-4528
Crime Prevention	277-4133
Crime Stoppers	947-7867
Drug Hotline	971-3784
Domestic Violence Ctr.	277-3700
Department of Transportation	535-3850
Education, Office of	453-6500
Gang Hotline	277-4264
Garbage & Recycling	535-3515
Hazardous Materials	535-7750
Housing	975-4480
Neighborhood Development Center	723-4114
Parking Enforcement	277-5305
Senior Programs	277-4561
Sewer Problems	277-4373
Sidewalks	277-3158
Street Lights	277-5517
Street Maintenance	277-4373
Street Sweeping	535-3515
Volunteer San Jose	535-3500
Vehicle Abatement	277-4477
Yard Waste Collection	535-3515
Youth Services	535-3570

District 7 Town Hall Meeting

“How Can You Be Active in Your Neighborhood?”

Thursday, March 16, 2006

6:30pm – 8:30pm

Tully Community Library
880 Tully Road, San Jose, CA 95111

Hosted by:

Councilmember Madison P. Nguyen

District 7 Staff

City of San Jose Staff

Your concerns and issues are important.
We're Here to Listen!

Snacks and Refreshments will be served!

For more information, please call (408) 535-4907 or
email us at district7@sanjoseca.gov

To arrange an accommodation under the Americans With Disabilities Act
to participate in this public event, please call:
(408) 277-4573 or the TTY Number, 298-9527, At Least 48 Hours Before The Event.